

Dear Josh, Herewith copy of letter to Hirota. If he is  
away or anything, could you  
get someone to a few details about him on an autograph at  
once for me please? It is difficult to put up a good case, even  
when pre-approved in principle, without this.

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Ys Bruce

Dear Hirota,

Josh wrote to me a little while back about your plan to return to Japan via this country, and your wish to work for a time in my laboratory. I would very much like to have you, and think that we can probably offer you a paid temporary appointment, such as we gave Iino, with remuneration which would be enough to cover your living expenses. But in order that I may put up this scheme before the authorities of the Institute, so that an official offer can be made, will you please send me at once, air mail, brief details about yourself, including date of birth, University attended with dates, subjects taken and degrees, post-graduate work, and whether married or single. Also details of the position you have had with Josh. Please state also the approximate dates of your proposed visit, and the appointment you will be taking up in Japan. Also let me have a brief note on what work you think you might do here; this will serve as a basis for my proposal to my Director of the way you might contribute to our research programme.

Please send me this information at once, even if for any reasons your plans are still uncertain; for we can easily cancel any proposed scheme if for some reason you cannot come, but we cannot make you an offer unless I put in a detailed proposal within the next 12 days or so.

Yours sincerely,

B.A.D. Stocker.

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